GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR FILM CERTIFICATION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether new guidelines formulated by the Central Board to check indecent and objectionable scenes in films have been recently circulated among the members of the Board for their observation/notes;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) The time by which these guidelines are likely to get final approval and implemented; and

(d) The reaction of the Government on the increasing obscenity in films ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : The Central Board of Film Certification certifies films for public exhibition under the provisions of section 5B(1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the guidelines issued thereunder. The guidelines inter alia stipulates the following:

Human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity, or depravity ;

Such dual meaning words as obviously cater to baser instincts are not allowed;

scenes degrading or denigrating women in any manner are not presented;

Scenes showing sexual perversions shall be avoided and if such matters are germane to the theme, they shall be reduced to the minimum and no details are to be shown.